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47th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, relays his six rules for competing in sports and life.

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### SUPT graduates

SUPT class 01-01 graduates in a ceremony at 10 a.m. today in the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

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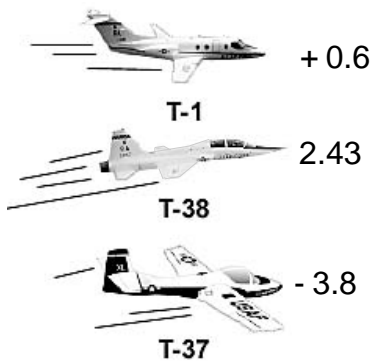
A military clause in a lease agreement can help military members avoid legal action and financial loss.

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### Mission status

(As of Oct. 25)

Days ahead(+) or behind(-)



#### Fiscal Year 2001 statistics

--Sorties flown: 3,511  
--Hours flown: 5,297.9  
--Pilot wings earned in FY 01: 0  
--Wings earned since 1963: 11,708

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Davidson (far right) and friends build mileage markers to be posted along Laughlin's bike and running trails. The project was one of the last tasks he completed before being awarded Eagle Scout.

## Family member reaches top level of Boy Scouts

By Capt. Angela O'Connell  
Public Affairs Officer

The Boy Scouts of America is a historical organization that was incorporated to provide a program for community organizations to offer effective character, citizenship and personal fitness for youth. More than one million boys in the United States are enrolled in BSA.

Only four percent of boys who join make it to the pinnacle of the Boy Scouts—Eagle Scout. A Laughlin family member is a recent inductee into this elite group of scouts, which includes such men as former President Gerald Ford and award-winning director Steven Spielberg.

Ryan Davidson, son of Lt Col. Tom and Joline Davidson, earned the coveted title of Eagle Scout and was presented this

honor on 15 October at the Base Chapel here.

"Since I joined Cub Scouts in the first grade, I knew several Boy Scouts. One was an Eagle Scout, and I thought I wanted to be one," stated Davidson. "I figured 'why not,' it's the highest rank you can be; I'll go ahead and try for it."

Davidson's Boy Scout career began in R.A.F. Upper Heyford in England and spanned five assignments. "Joining Boy Scouts at each location we moved to helped ease the transition to a new base," said Joline Davidson. "He was exposed to positive role models and good kids working towards the same goals. I'm proud he has reached the ultimate goal in



Ryan Davidson

scouting."

Over his nine-year Scouting career, Davidson earned 31 merit badges and went from a Tiger, to a Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and the Webelos. All of this led to the Arrow of Light Award, an achievement that bridges the gap between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

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## Threatcon Alpha

Laughlin has initiated Threatcon Alpha, as a result of recent incidents in the Middle East and to increase security awareness. This condition will remain as long as the situation warrants.

Security Forces and all members of Team Laughlin will remain vigilant to ensure the safety and security of all personnel.

We apologize for any inconvenience, and truly appreciate your cooperation.

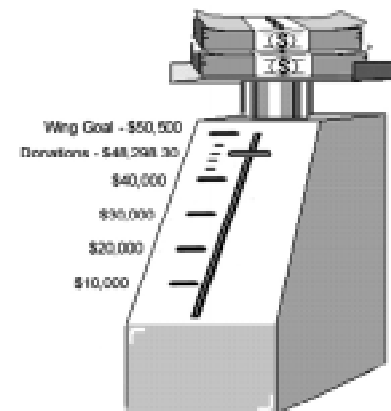
Call Security Forces at 298-5100, if you notice anything unusual.

## Wing nears CFC goal

With one week left in the Combined Federal Campaign, the wing is only \$2,210 short of its goal.

Thank you to everyone who donated. People who haven't should consider giving to the CFC—no other federal donation program has as many organizations to contribute to. Thursday is the deadline for donations.

See your unit representative or call 4357 for the CFC brochure listing of all CFC supported agencies.



# Commanders Corner

## When facing life's challenges, tests, one should know the... Rules of the game

By Lt. Col. Al Poerner

47th Civil Engineer Squadron commander

Ever since I can remember, I have always played sports, cards or board games. And no matter what I played, I played to win. For me, it's like Vince Lombardi said, "winning is everything!" Winning became an obsession with me. And, through a lot of good fortune, I happened to win quite a bit. But unfortunately, the more I won, the more I had to win! And when I didn't win, my hatred for losing grew. I would get upset and yell at those around me – even my closest friends. Losing would eat away inside me to the point I had trouble sleeping, lost a lot of friends and just wasn't a whole lot of fun to be around. That was then.

A while back at Squadron Officer School, there was a taped lecture by Dr. Alan Massey called "You Are Now What You Were Then." His theory was that people learned and developed their personal traits by the time they were around 10, and kept those throughout their life unless they had a "significant emotional event." Well, that's what happened to me. My obsession with winning kept with me even after graduating from college and entering into the Air Force. The need to win crossed over into the job, as I felt I had to be the best lieutenant on the base, or at least in Civil Engineering. And then it happened. I had my significant emotional event. My significant emotional event was the birth of my children. I saw these gifts from God and declared that I would not let them go down the "win or die" road that I had followed. I would still encourage them to compete because I think competition builds character, teaches teamwork

and gives an overall spice to life. However, I finally realized that there was more to life than always winning. Therefore, I developed my "Six Rules of the Game" and have continually preached them to my children. And, although originally developed for sports, I have found they also applied to work and even to my spiritual life as well.

**Rule 1: Have fun.** If it isn't fun, then why do it?

There are plenty of potential games to play and if you don't like one, try another. If you have a job that isn't fun, then why do it. We all hear and see this exhibited

all too often. How many of you hear your fellow workers living for the weekend so they can do what they enjoy. Well, why not do something you like doing for seven days a week instead of two! Spiritually, fun is sometimes hard to define. To me, it is the satisfaction I get in participating in the church. Whether it's being a Eucharistic Minister, lecturer, or helping decorate the church for Christmas. It's fun, and it gives me that good high feeling.

**Rule 2: Try your best.** In sports, that simply means to give it all you've got.

If you do this, whatever the outcome of the event, you win! This also applies to your accepting the fact that not everyone is a superstar. If a teammate tries his best and that best is that he knows which end of the bat to hold, then so be it. Accept that fact and try to help that person get better. You, your teammate and your team will benefit. Ditto for the office. Even if you don't like a particular task you're assigned or a decision that didn't coincide with what you wanted, you still need to give everything you have got. Especially in the military, teamwork is essential. We don't train pilots without

*"In every competition, there is going to be a winner and a loser. No one can expect to win every time. You may want to and try to, but sooner or later, everyone loses. And, if you lose...so what? It's just a game!"*

everyone's best effort. In church, this would relate to the fact that, as humans, we are all sinners, we are not perfect. We do, however, need to try to do the best we can.

**Rule 3: It's only a game.** In every competition, there is going to be a winner and a loser. No one can expect to win every time. You may want to and try to, but sooner or later, everyone loses. And, if you lose...so what? It's just a game! Keep the true goal of "playing a game" in mind. It's a chance to relax and have fun. In the office, in our line of work, losing can often have life or death consequences; it's the nature of the beast. However, in most day to day experiences, if you make an error, life will continue. Accept that no one is perfect and it's okay to make an error. Spiritually, God doesn't expect us to be perfect. He knows that sometimes we'll succeed in following his word and sometimes we won't. He doesn't write us off, however. He forgives us and encourages us to try and try again.

**Rule 4: Don't yell at your teammates.** All you do is build resentment. As long as each of you are doing your best, what can you ask of them or them of you? I truly believe most people want to do well, but some just have a tougher time achieving it. If they aren't trying their best, try to find out what motivates them and lead them in that direction. But, the only way to find out what is to talk to them, not yell at them.

**Rule 5: Listen to your coach.** Coaches are there to ensure you have fun, and to pass on the rules of the game. For the teams I've coached, the rule is that when the coach talks, the players don't...they listen. It not only shows respect for the person talking, it can also mean the difference between winning and losing or in someone getting or not getting hurt.

**Rule 6: Hustle, hustle, hustle.** This is similar to rule 2, except this really involves commitment. In sports there are times when it's not always fun. However, those people who are successful know that it takes a lot of hard work and determination to get to the top. It's the time when your muscles ache and your body tells you to stop. That's the time you have to dig deep and give it that little bit extra. It's the time I tell my children to keep running even though they are dog-tired. And if they win, what a high they receive! They see what the hard work got them. That will give them encouragement for years to come. And if they don't win, they can hold their heads up high knowing they gave it their best effort, that it's only a game, and maybe next time they will succeed.

Well there they are. Not earth shattering rules, just six simple rules for handling most of life's situations. Follow them, and you too will win! Good luck in following the rules of the game.

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– 47 FTW motto

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# Higher learning: 11 earn degrees from CCAF, Park University

Recent graduates from the Community College of the Air Force and Park University were recognized at a graduation ceremony held at Club Amistad Tuesday.

Eleven individuals from Laughlin satisfied degree requirements for the Fall 2000 graduation.

Commanders, supervisors, family members, friends and co-workers attended the graduation ceremony to celebrate the graduates' academic success.

Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Enyeart, 47th Communications Squadron, was the guest speaker. Col. Herbert Foret, 47th Flying Training Wing vice commander,

presented the diplomas.

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For more information regarding degree programs available at Laughlin, contact the Education Services Flight for an appointment at 732-5545, or stop by Bldg. 316.



**Master Sgt. Timothy P. Griffin**  
47th Communications Squadron  
*Information Systems Technology*



**Master Sgt. Valeria Richardson**  
47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron  
*Social Psychology, Park University*



**Master Sgt. Manuel Topete**  
47th Medical Group  
*Aerospace Physiology Technology*



**Tech Sgt. John A. Becker**  
47th Communications Squadron  
*Electronic Systems Technology*



**Staff Sgt. Calvin D. Young**  
47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron  
*Environmental Medicine Technology*



**Senior Airman Abdullah I. Hajar**  
47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron  
*Environmental Medicine Technology*



**Staff Sgt. Stacey A. Grabski**  
47th Medical Group  
*Health Care Management*



**Staff Sgt. Tilman A. Lethco**  
47th Operations Support Squadron  
*Airway Science*



**Staff Sgt. Dyrone T. Allen**  
47th Communications Squadron  
*Electronic Systems Technology*



**Tech Sgt. April A. Ferraro**  
47th Mission Support Squadron  
*Survival and Rescue*

Not pictured is Master Sgt. Daniel F. Cook, 47th Operations Group, who received a CCAF degree in Personnel Administration.

## Actionline Call 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your in-

quiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.



*Winfield W. Scott III*  
**Col. Winfield W. Scott III**  
47th Flying Training Wing commander

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Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
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Housing	298-5904
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Equal Opportunity	298-5400
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**C**all: My suggestion is that if you converted the positions of some of the younger airmen into civil service positions, especially the single ones, that would free up a lot of dorm space for the pilots. I think that would

be a great initiative on the base.

**R**esponse: Thank you for your suggestion. Converting military positions to civilian positions did occur at Laughlin during the A-76 study that resulted in the conversion of aircraft

maintenance to civil service. Supply, transportation and most of civil engineering were also contracted out. Although no further A-76 actions are under consideration at this time, we have reviewed the possibility of converting a

portion of the current enlisted dormitory for student pilots along with many other options. A new dormitory for student pilots and an unaccompanied officer dormitory for permanent party are already planned for Laughlin's future.



# Laughlin recognizes quarterly award winners

*Base selects following military, civilian members as best in their categories for third quarter:*



**1st Lt. Melissa C. Parent**  
47th Support Group  
*Company Grade Officer*



**Capt. Scott Daigle**  
47th Operations Group  
*Instructor pilot*



**Master Sgt. Robert W. Thompson**  
47th Support Group  
*Senior NCO*



**Staff Sgt. Anthony R. Dutton**  
47th Support Group  
*NCO*



**Senior Airman Tanishlao Canchola**  
47th Operations Group  
*Airman*



**Olga Perez**  
47th Flying Training Wing  
*Civilian Category II*



**Oralia Gonzalez**  
47th Support Group  
*Civilian Category III*



**Victoria Stewart**  
47th Operations Group  
*Civilian Category I*



**Michelle Lethco**  
47th Support Group  
*NAF Category II*



**Tech Sgt. April Ferraro**  
47th Support Group  
*Health and Safety Contributor*



**Staff Sgt. Dyron Allen**  
47th Communications Squadron  
*Honor Guard Member*



**Capt. Andreas Wesemann**  
47th Flying Training Wing  
*Volunteer*

## Officers get enhanced assignment preference worksheet

Officers and their commanders will have more choices in the assignments process when an enhanced Preference Worksheet hits the field Wednesday.

The Preference Worksheet, available through the Air Force Assignment System, is the key document used by officers and their commanders to state preferences and recommendations for an officer's next assignment.

"Although the layout of the worksheet has changed, the spirit and intent remain the same," said Lt. Col. Mike Gamble, chief, Assignment Programs/Procedures Division. "We still want officers to use their PW as a tool for strategic planning, not as a last minute reaction to being notified they're vulnerable for an assignment."

The new worksheet includes three more slots to list duty preferences and five more slots for location preferences.

The increase in duty preference slots comes from the addition of a 'Career Broadening Preference Section'. "For officers in many career fields, working outside of their Air

Force Specialty Code is not a matter of 'if,' but a matter of 'when'," Gamble said.

The new Career Broadening Section offers officers an area to identify their CB preferences and the drop down menus will list all of the Career Broadening AFSCs, very helpful to those who are not as well versed on all of the opportunities out there, according to Gamble.

Creating separate sections for listing CONUS and overseas locations increases the total number of location preferences from five to ten.

Worksheets are used to match officers to assignments based on the needs of the Air Force, officer professional development and an officer's personal preferences. Recommendations made should fully consider each officer's stage of professional development, while clearly expressing an officer's needs and desires.

"I'd recommend that an officer try to get with his or her commander sometime around the one-year-on-station point, discuss officer professional development and follow up with a PW," Gamble said. "If that worksheet is well-crafted and strategic in nature, it should require few, if

any, changes when the officer actually becomes vulnerable for reassignment.

"Individuals wishing to complete a Preference Worksheet on Nov. 1 must use the enhanced format," Gamble said. "In addition, individuals wishing to make changes to a PW they already have in the system, must reaccomplish the form. If an old form was on record with AFPC, the data will still be available in a "read-only" format until an enhanced format PW is completed. If an officer's old form accurately reflects their desires, they are not required to reaccomplish the form. We do however, encourage all officers to update their PW to the enhanced format as soon as is practical to take full advantage of the additional choices now available."

These enhancements are a result of recommendations from a broad range of officers participating in the Air Force Assignment System Review held at Randolph AFB, Texas in February.

For more information on the Air Force Assignment System or the Preference Worksheet go to: <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afas/afas-main1.htm>.

(Courtesy AFPC)

## Question of the week

### What are you going to be for Halloween?



“A 50’s Barbie.”

**Taylor Covington, 5**  
*Family member*



“Ninja.”

**Chase O'Brien, 7**  
*Family member*



“Zorro.”

**Seth Schuler, 7**  
*Family member*



“A millenium movie star.”

**Daisy Carrillo, 5**  
*Family member*



## From the Blotter

(Oct. 16–24)



■ Val Verde deputies notified security forces they had arrested a military member (not affiliated with Laughlin) for alleged intoxicated manslaughter. Alcohol and not wearing a seatbelt contributed to the death. The Office of Special Investigations has opened an investigation.

■ The security forces law enforcement desk received a call from the base exchange stating they had detained a juvenile for alleged theft of AAFES property. Individual was turned over to their sponsor.

■ An individual pulling out of the base shoppette struck a vehicle traveling south on Liberty Dr. Damages consisted of a slightly bent front bumper and some paint transfer to the Ford Ranger and a four to six inch dent to drivers side door of the Honda Accord.

■ An alarm activation was received from Bldg. 375 and Bldg. 540. After securing the

area it was determined the reason for the alarm was a malfunction.

■ Three individuals requested help gaining access to their vehicles after locking the keys inside. Security forces gained entry with no damage to the vehicles.

■ Medical assistance was rendered to a family member after she fainted during an argument with her spouse. Individual was transported to Val Verde Regional after complaining of back pain.

**Tip of the day:** Installation entry stickers (DD forms 2220) must be obtained within 15 days of arrival at LAFB and should be replaced when they become worn, faded or expired. Individuals who do not register their vehicles or those with faded stickers greatly contribute to the early morning congestion at the gate and may be issued a citation. Please help us serve you better.

# New gum prevents tooth decay

By Dr. (Capt.)  
Paul F.T. Ayson  
47th Medical Group

Halloween is just around the corner and pretty soon kids will be running around the neighborhood ringing doorbells and asking for candy. This candy may stick to their teeth for a prolonged period of time.

If you expose your children's teeth to sugar for long periods of time, it will increase the chances of getting tooth decay. Sugar (Sucrose) is the main carbohydrate that bacteria in our mouths will digest. These bacteria digest the sugar, producing acidic plaque. It is this acidic plaque that causes a lot of damage to our teeth and our children's teeth.

According to Dr. Charles Perle, DMD, FAGD, spokesper-

son for the Academy of General Dentistry, "the best way to handle Halloween treats is for parents to limit the amount of snacks and time they enjoy them, and then have their kids brush immediately afterwards." By letting your children brush right after eating sugary sweets, it will decrease the exposure to the acidic plaque and thus result in a healthy smile.

A substitute that you may want to consider this Halloween is Xylitol Gum.

Xylitol is a non-fermentable sugar alcohol that promotes salivation, increases pH in the mouth, resulting in a more ideal oral environment and promotes remineralization of teeth.

Xylitol also disrupts the normal bacterial cell metabolism,

thus decreasing plaque accumulation in the mouth, which then decreases tooth decay.

Long term studies show that xylitol gum can suppress the activity of the bacteria that causes caries (cavities) in conjunction with other strategies to control tooth decay.

If you are concerned with this product's safety, its safety and efficacy

was demonstrated in many studies supported by the World Health Organization, Food & Drug Administration and the United Nations.

If you decide to try this product, its recommended use is chew 1-2 pieces of xylitol 3 to 5 times per day. By doing so, it increases saliva flow which neutralizes the acidity of plaque.

For more information, call the base dental clinic at 6331.



Photo by Trina Ezernack

## Because we care

Members of the 47th Security Forces Squadron prepare "care packages" to send to deployed members in Southwest Asia. The boxes are stuffed with a variety of necessities and treats. "I would like to thank all the folks that took the time and made the effort in helping us send what I believe will be an unprecedented "care package," said Maj. Joel Dickinson, 47 SFS commander. "I would love to list each organization and individual that contributed but I don't want to leave anyone out. I will, however, give special thanks to the Officers' Spouses' Club and the Border Eagle staff for helping us get the word out to everyone. The support you've shown for the 14 Team XL defenders, working 12-13 hour shifts in difficult conditions, is truly outstanding. Thanks!"

 Don't forget to recycle this newspaper 



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## Recruiting recruiters

Senior Master Sgt. Patrick J. Hook, Air Force Recruit the Recruiter Team, walks Daniel Curtis, 47th Communications Squadron, through the Recruiter Duty Application Process during a Recruit the Recruiter briefing in the base education office Tuesday. The Recruit the Recruiter Team briefs eligible recruiters on the benefits of becoming a recruiter.

# Legislation proposal limits medal criteria

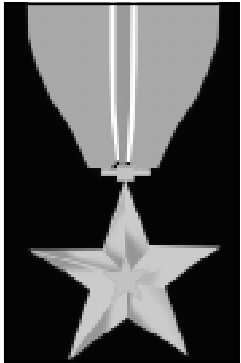
The Fiscal 2001 National Defense Authorization Act passed by Congress limits eligibility criteria for the Bronze Star Medal.

The bill, which is now awaiting the president's signature, states in part, that the "Bronze Star may only be awarded to a member of the armed forces who is in receipt of special pay ... at the time of the events for which the decoration is to be awarded or who receives such pay as a result of those events."

The medal will be limited only to those members receiving imminent danger pay, stated the legislation.

"The change to the award criteria for the Bronze Star Medal is unfortunate," said Secretary of the Air Force Whit Peters. "The changing nature of warfare, as well as the Air Force's evolution into an expeditionary aerospace force, makes geographic location of combat forces a secondary concern ... Linking the award to im-

minent danger pay, which excludes many deserving Air Force men and women, is not the way to go."



Peters said he wants to ensure Air Force men and women get proper recognition. "Therefore, I will ask (Defense Department) leadership to seek repeal of this provision next year, or alternatively to create a medal equivalent to the Bronze Star that will recognize the contributions of everyone who is involved in combat operations."

(Courtesy AFNEWS)

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# Domestic Violence Prevention Month sheds light on darker side of family relationships

**By Staff Sgt. Jim Moser**  
*Columbus AFB, Miss.*

The leading cause of injury to women in the United States between the age of 15 and 44 is domestic violence, according to the FBI.

Statistics show domestic violence causes more injuries than car accidents, muggings and rapes combined. Even the military community is not immune to the problem.

During fiscal 1999, there were more than 12,000 substantiated reports of domestic violence within the armed forces, and women weren't the only ones suffering from it. Men were also victims, but in smaller numbers, according to an FBI pamphlet on domestic violence.

However, physical abuse is only one side of domestic violence, according to family advocacy headquarters at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas.

There is economic abuse, which is the overbearing control of finances; emotional abuse, including threatening children and pets; and sexual abuse, forcing someone to perform sexual acts they don't want to do. These are all part of family violence, according to the family advocacy headquarters.

"Domestic violence is a lot like a disease," said Mollye Cash, 14th Medical Group family advocacy intervention specialist. "Prevention through education is the key to stopping family violence. It's much easier to prevent a disease than to cure one."

The Air Force offers "quite a few programs" to teach people ways to communicate and give them the tools they need to solve problems without resorting to violence, added Cash. While education prevents the violence from starting, it doesn't break the cycle of domestic violence

once it has started.

"This may sound a little strange and hard to understand, but the person needs to realize that he or she is a victim," Cash said. "So often in cases of domestic violence the victim's mental frame of mind is completely shaken. He or she can be so riddled with guilt, whether it is self-imposed or implied by the batterer, or be in such a complete state of denial the person can't or won't admit what is happening."

Even if the victims do understand what is going on and that it is wrong, many still don't seek help, Cash explained. Sometimes victims are afraid of retribution by the batterer or they are simply too ashamed to get help.

"Feelings of failure, loneliness, guilt, helplessness and love can be powerful motivators in a person's life," Cash said. "Some don't leave because they simply have no money or nowhere to go."

But realizing they are victims is only the first step in the process of getting help, she said. Victims need to come up with a safety plan.

"Staying in abusive relationships can be likened to cancer," said Cash. "People who are involved in these relationships go through denial just like some cancer patients. Relationships can go into 'remission' where things are fine for a while, but then return to a violent state. In the end, both can be fatal."

Both perpetrators and victims can be treated by therapy,

but sometimes they physically need to be removed, Cash explained. This is where the safety plan pays big dividends. It's a plan someone uses to escape to safety, whether it's at a friend's or relative's home, church or a shelter when they're in danger.

However, domestic violence poses a very real danger for military spouses, Cash said.

"Moving away from home and moving every few years makes it hard to build support networks," Cash said.

For example, young military spouses in foreign countries may not speak the languages. The only person they might know in the whole country is their

spouse, who is the main threat, Cash added.

For victims of domestic violence, life can seem hopeless, but help is just a phone call away. People who are victims of domestic violence can call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

"There are three things we want the victims to know - they're not alone, they're not to blame, and there is help available. No one deserves to be abused," Cash concluded.

Family advocacy programs can help military people overcome situations, like domestic violence and create healthy families. If you are a victim of domestic violence, contact your local family advocacy office or call the 1-800 number listed above.

(Courtesy AETCNS)

***"Domestic violence is a lot like a disease. Prevention through education is the key to stopping family violence. It's much easier to prevent a disease than to cure one."***

***-Mollye Cash***  
*14th Medical Group commander, Columbus AFB, Miss.*

**Fraud, Waste and Abuse is everyone's problem ... if you know of or suspect Fraud, Waste and Abuse, call the FWA hotline at 298-4170.**



# The *XLer*

**Hometown:** Del Rio.  
**Family:** Husband, Danny; sons, JR, Anthony and little Danny.  
**Time at Laughlin:** 6 years.  
**Time in service:** I have worked at EAST for 4 years.  
**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:** More eating establishments.  
**Greatest accomplishment:** Still working on it. Once my kids are grown and have become productive citizens, that will be my greatest accomplishment.  
**Bad habit:** No patience  
**Motto:** Live life to its fullest.  
**Favorite beverage:** Tea.  
**Favorite food:** Shrimp.  
**Hobbies:** Baseball mom.  
**If you could spend one hour with an historical figure, who would it be?** Gen. George S. Patton.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

**Connie White**

*Eagle Aviation and Services Technology, Inc.*

# Where are they now?

**Name:** Capt. Greg Kreuder.  
**Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin:** Class 96-08, January, 1996.  
**Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at:** F-16, Moody AFB, Ga.  
**Mission of your aircraft?** We do everything!  
**What do you like most about your current aircraft?** It is a multi-role fighter with lots of variety. We never do the same thing twice.  
**What do you dislike most about your current aircraft?** I don't get to fly

enough.  
**What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly?** Being a fighter pilot is an attitude, not a job.  
**What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin?** Solo party in Tweets with my buds!  
**What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin?** Work hard at SUPT, but enjoy your weekends. They will keep you sane. Always get a good night's sleep.



(U.S. Air Force photo of KC-135)

# Students of SUPT Class 01-01 get their wings today



**Capt. Darcy C. Lyday**  
Class Leader  
C-141-McChord AFB, Wash.



**Capt. Brian R. Collins**  
Assistant Class Leader  
F-15E-Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



**Capt. Brian C. Lewis**  
C-17-Charleston AFB, S.C.



**2nd Lt. Brian Boeding**  
A-10-Bradley ANGB, Conn.



**2nd Lt. Zachary J. Brady**  
KC-135-Fairchild AFB, Wash.



**2nd Lt. Daniel S. Brock**  
RC-135-Offutt AFB, Neb.



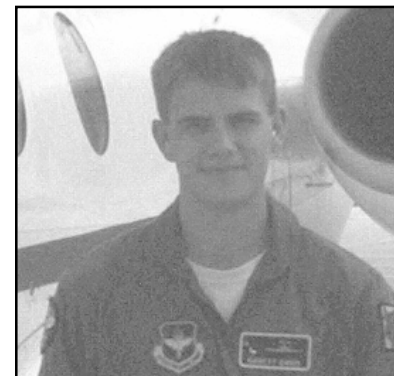
**2nd Lt. Andrew J. Camacho**  
KC-135-Milwaukee, Wis. (ANG)



**2nd Lt. Denis M. Casaubon**  
T-37-Laughlin AFB, Texas



**2nd Lt. James J. Chapa**  
F-15C-Tyndall AFB, Fla.



**2nd Lt. Garrett D. Davis**  
C-21-Randolph AFB, Texas



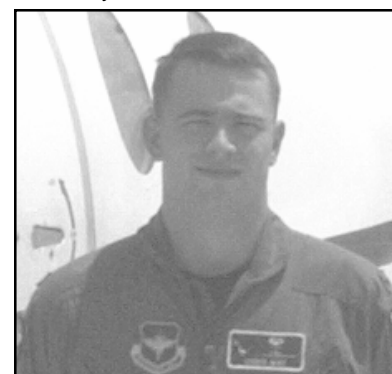
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F-16-Luke AFB, Ariz.



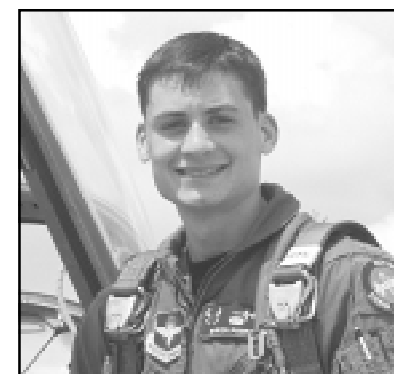
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KC-135-Pease ANGB, N.H.



**2nd Lt. Bradley Lorentz**  
F-16-Fargo, N.D. (ANG)



**2nd Lt. Christopher May**  
C-130-Little Rock AFB, Ark.



**2nd Lt. Byron R. Pompa**  
F-16-Luke AFB, Ariz.



**2nd Lt. Jerry Reynolds**  
B-52-Barksdale AFB, La. (ANG)



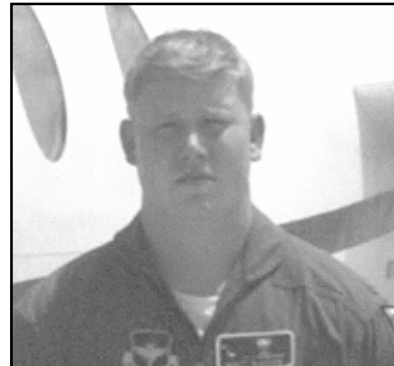
**2nd Lt. Christopher Sample**  
T-37-Laughlin AFB, Texas



**2nd Lt. Lonnie Schmidt**  
C-5-Dover AFB, Del. (AFRC)



**2nd Lt. Guillermo Torres**  
KC-10-Travis AFB, Calif.



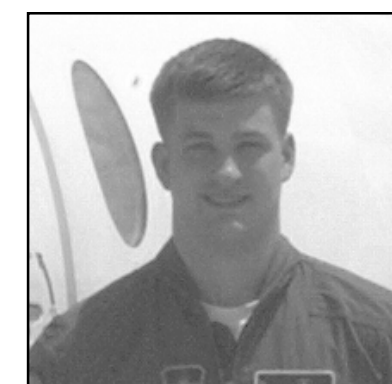
**2nd Lt. Matthew S. Van Hook**  
KC-135-Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



**2nd Lt. Sandra J. Wilson**  
C-21-Peterson AFB, Colo.



**2nd Lt. Mario Zocchi**  
F-15A-Otis ANGB, Mass.



**2nd Lt. Clinton R. Zumbrunnen**  
C-17-Charleston AFB, S.C.



‘Scout,’ from page 1

“My most memorable experience in Scouting was my bridging ceremony from Webelos into the Boy Scouts because I was moving on,” said Davidson. “I was done with the Cub Scouts and was looking forward to more fun in Boy Scouts.”

Once in the Boy Scouts, he climbed another ladder of progression. He began as a Tenderfoot, then moved to Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and finally Eagle. To progress through the various stages, Davidson had to learn basic Scouting knowledge such as first aid and orienteering, earn merit badges, accumulate service hours and show qualities in basic leadership.

Before becoming an Eagle Scout, he also had to complete a service project. “As far as criteria goes, you need a certain amount of hours on a project,” said Davidson. “It needs to be something that other people, other than you and your family can work on, and it needs to benefit the local community.”

Davidson’s project was to mark mileage on some base trails. “I picked that particular project because it was in the local area; it would benefit our local community the most,” he said. “It was feasible and I was able to get donations readily from local businesses.”

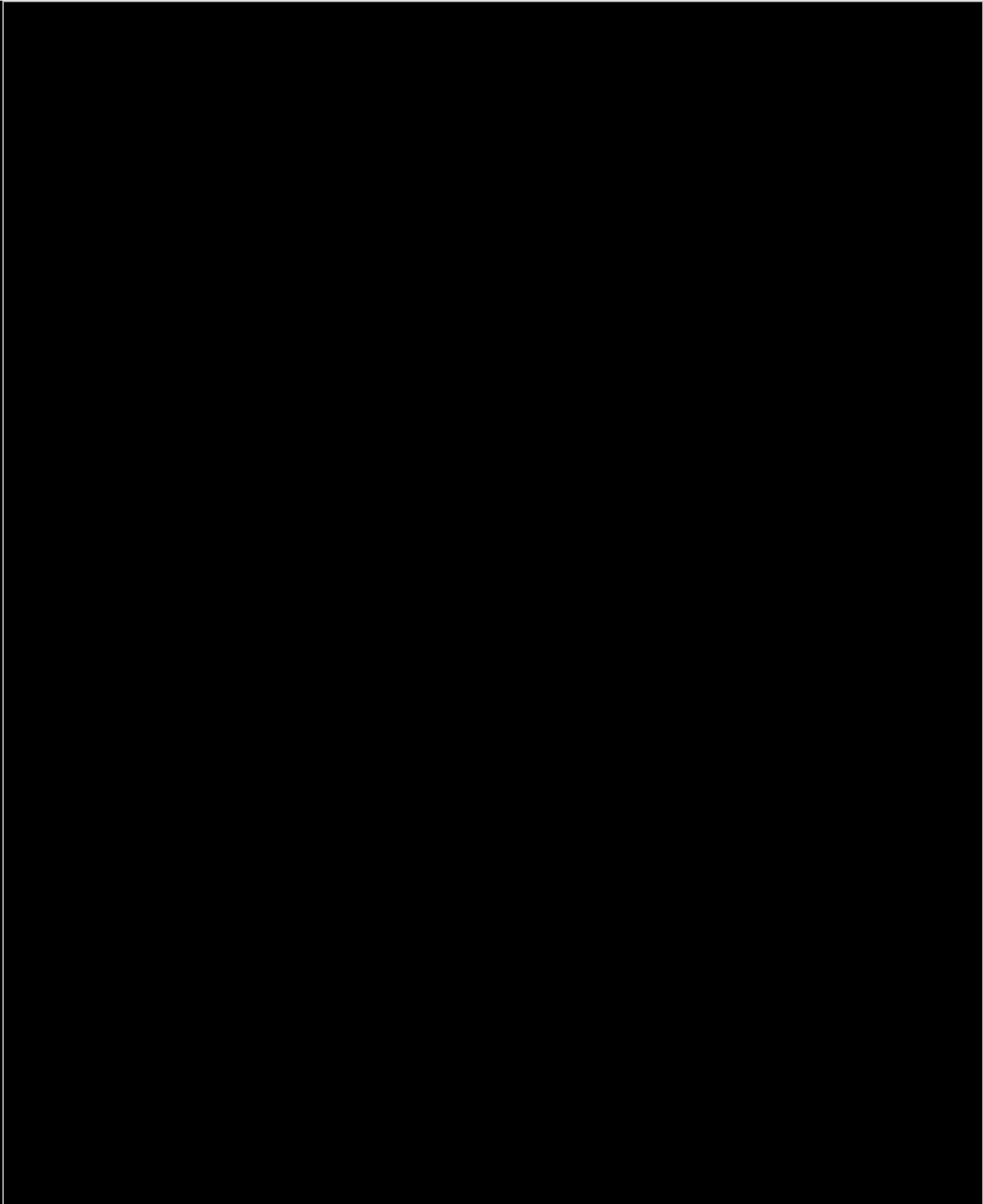
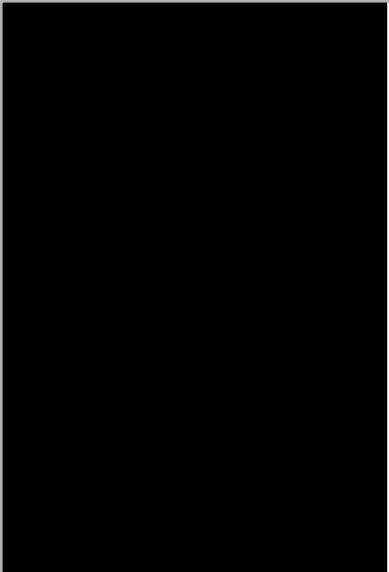
The decision regarding whether a Scout has met the required standards to advance to Eagle Scout is approved by the district, local council and finally the national council. It usually culminates with a large ceremony devoted to the inductee, but Davidson opted for a more toned down event.

“My ceremony was part of Troop 280’s quarterly Court of Honor where everyone gets merit badges and rank advancements,” Davidson said. “That was something I wanted. I didn’t want a fancy ceremony.”

Davidson has put the things he learned in scouting to use. He credits the leadership skills

with helping him in school, and first aid once allowed him to assist with a road-side accident.

His goals outside scouting include college upon graduation from high school. “I’m looking into geology as a field of study. I will probably end up getting a doctorate,” said Davidson confidently.



# Military Clause: Do you have yours?

By Mrs. Heidi Poteat

47th Flying Training Wing Legal Office

What is a lease? A lease is a contract between the landlord and the tenant and remains in effect for the time period specified in the lease. If either party breaches (breaks) the lease, that party is still liable for what he agreed to under the lease.

For example, if the tenant moves out early, he is still responsible (and liable) for the rent for the remainder of the lease. However, when that happens, the landlord has a duty to "mitigate" his damages by using reasonable efforts to rent to another tenant. Sometimes they are successful, but that is not always the case. You may find yourself still on-the-hook to pay rent. What can you do? Make sure your lease has a military clause.

If your lease is for a period longer than 60 days, the military clause permits termination of a lease prior to the your departure date from the current duty station. A 30-day written notice must be submitted to the landlord stating your intent to vacate accompanied with a copy of your official orders. The fact that you are in the Armed Forces and can receive orders requiring you to move does not automati-

cally release you from the lease. The military clause applies only to permanent change of duty station more than 35 miles away, a TDY in excess of 60 days, or release from active duty. The military clause does not apply to moving into Military Family Housing, or orders to another duty station within 35 miles.

It is possible to include a provision that would apply if you wished to move into Military Family Housing, however, your prospective landlord would have to agree to include this provision.

While there is no standard military clause as an amendment, the following is offered as a guideline:

As a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the lessee may terminate the obligations, upon presenting documentation, under this lease by giving a thirty (30) day written notice of intent to vacate in the event of the following:

- Received permanent change of station orders from the area of the premises.
- Has been declared killed or

missing in action, the spouse or executor may terminate this lease by providing the landlord with a written notice of termination to be effective on the date specified therein, but not less than 30 days later.

- Separated from the Armed Services.

■ Receives temporary duty assignment to a location out of area for a period of time of more than 60 days.

■ Lease the property prior to arrival and subsequently received orders of reassignment elsewhere.

■ Is offered and accepts assignment to Military Family Housing.

You will be liable under the lease unless it contains a "military clause." This clause allows you to get out of your lease under the specific conditions included in the lease. Although landlords who frequently rent to military members often put this clause into their leases, you should discuss this issue with your landlord, and insist that the clause is included in your lease agreement.

If you have questions on landlord-tenant issues, come to the legal office Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 8 to 9 a.m. or call 298-5172 to set up an appointment with an attorney.



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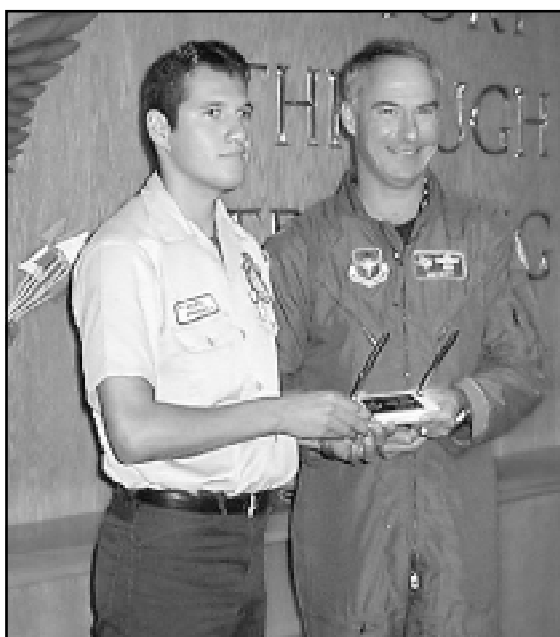
Friday, the Border Eagle.

Wednesday, this newspaper.



## Congratulations!

Airman 1st Class Sherrie Johns, 47th Contracting Squadron, receives the Unit Safety Representative of the Quarter Award from Col. Skip Scott, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, at the quarterly combined safety council meeting Oct. 19. Johns was commended for her outstanding performance as the 47 CONS unit safety representative.



## Well done!

Gerardo Hernandez, 47th Operations Group, receives the Quarterly Individual Safety Award for his quick response to an engine fire as a T-37 was being prepared for launch. Hernandez alerted the crew to evacuate the aircraft. He grabbed the nearby fire extinguisher and put out the fire, saving both lives and loss of the T-37.



Laughlin's NFL: Gridiron Gurus								Week 9		
PLAYERS	Bruce Bond	Diane Bond	Eric Gonzales	Michael Houston	David Isbell	Lavelle Jenkins	Eric Linneman	Niels Roorda	Amanda Stewart	Chad Workman
LAST WEEK SCORE	9	11	9	9	9	8	10	7	8	9
OVERALL SCORE	53	50	46	44	41	41	49	41	42	40
CAROLINA@ATLANTA	CAR	CAR	CAR	CAR	CAR	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL	CAR
CINCINNATI@CLEVELAND	CLE	CLE	CLE	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	CLE	CIN	CIN
DETROIT@INDIANAPOLIS	IND	DET	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	IND	DET	DET
GREEN BAY@MIAMI	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA
MINNESOTA@TAMPA BAY	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.	T.B.
NEW YORK JETS@BUFFALO	NYJ	NYJ	BUF	BUF	NYJ	BUF	BUF	BUF	NYJ	BUF
PITTSBURGH@BALTIMORE	BAL	BAL	PIT	BAL	BAL	PIT	PIT	BAL	BAL	PIT
ST. LOUIS@SAN FRANCISCO	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	STL	S.F.	STL	S.F
NEW ORLEANS@ARIZONA	N.O.	N.O.	ARI	N.O.	N.O.	N.O.	N.O.	ARI	N.O.	N.O.
PHILADELPHIA@NEW YORK GIANTS	NYG	NYG	PHI	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG	NYG
JACKSONVILLE@DALLAS	DAL	DAL	DAL	JAX	DAL	JAX	DAL	DAL	JAX	DAL
KANSAS CITY@SEATTLE	K.C.	K.C.	SEA	K.C.	K.C.	K.C.	K.C.	SEA	K.C.	K.C.
OAKLAND@SAN DIEGO	OAK	OAK	S.D.	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	S.D.	OAK	OAK
TENNESSEE@WASHINGTON	TEN	WAS	TEN	WAS	WAS	WAS	WAS	WAS	TEN	WAS

# Base fitness center offers variety of daily, aerobic classes

Aerobic classes are offered daily at the XL Fitness Center.

These classes are taught by certified fitness instructors and vary from day to-day. People at any level of fitness and training experience can benefit from the classes.

**Class Schedule for November**

Monday –Step Aerobics at 5 p.m.

Tuesday–Kickboxing at 5 p.m.

Wednesday–Kickboxing at 11:30 a.m. and Step Aerobics at 5 p.m.

Thursday–Circuit Training at 5 p.m.

Friday–Kickboxing at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday–Instructor Choice at 9 a.m.

Sunday–Instructor choice at 3 p.m.

**Class Format**

8-10 minute warm-up

25-35 minute aerobic/cardiovascular

2-3 minute cool-down

10-15 minute toning section for the upper body, lower body, abdominals

5 minute stretch

**Class Description**

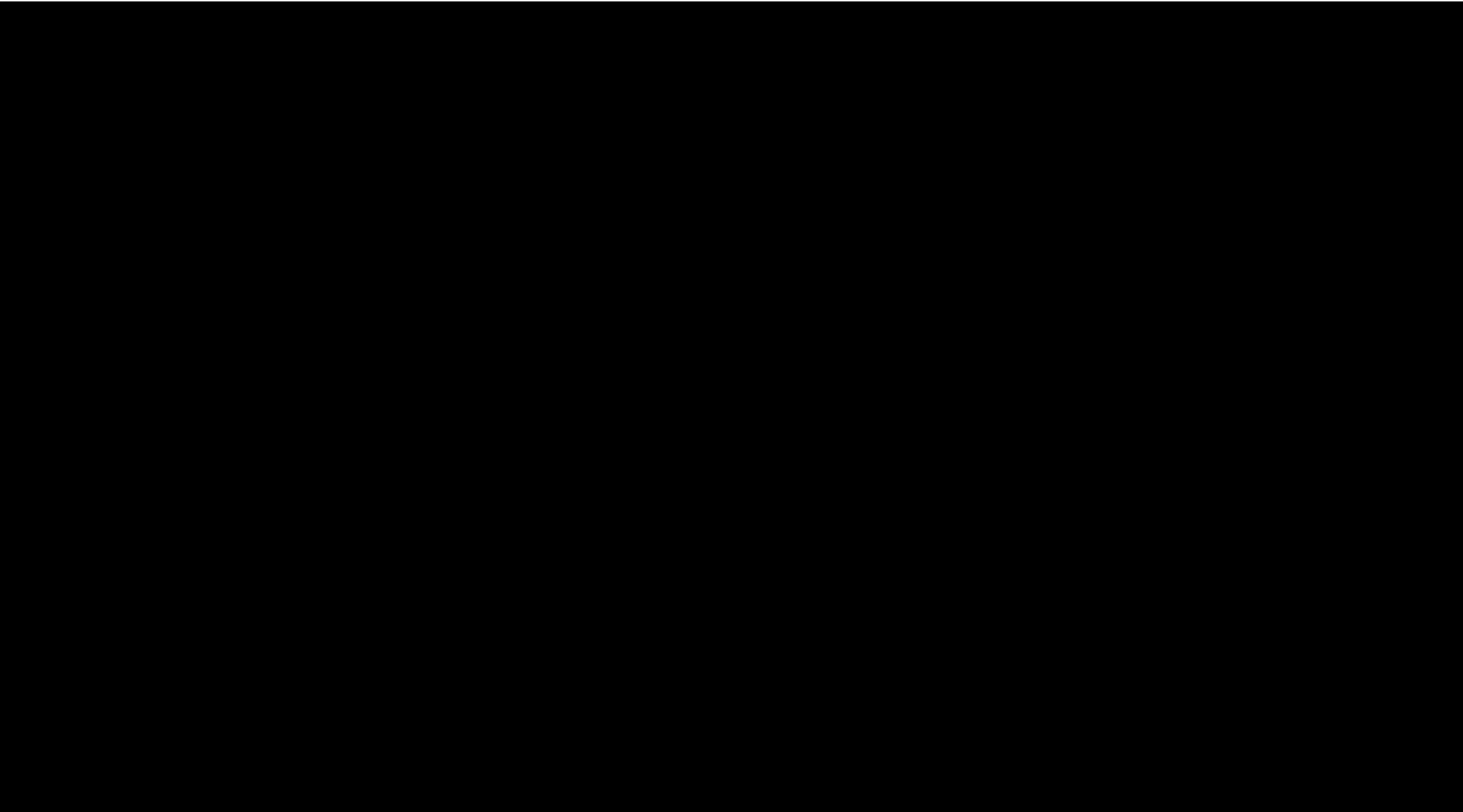
Step - A great cardiovascular and muscle conditioning workout for all. You can tailor the intensity to meet your needs by using more or less of the step risers, and incorporating higher impact moves.

Kickboxing— A cardio workout in-

corporating boxing moves for the upper and lower body.

Circuit Training—A cardio workout consisting of stations for upper and lower body toning, step, sports conditioning moves and overall cardio fitness.

The training is fun, free and, most of all, it will improve your fitness. Whether you attend once a week or everyday, the classes will be worth your time.



## Laughlin history

Q: During Laughlin's support of the Korean War, aircraft mechanics faced several obstacles. Which of the following is not correct?

- (a) Korean War drained off experienced personnel leaving Laughlin without 5 and 7 level maintainers.
- (b) Maintainers worked outdoors or in tents.
- (c) Randolph Air Force Base sent 5 level maintainers temporary duty to Laughlin until those positions could be filled with experienced workers who rotated in from Korea.

A: The correct answer is ... (A). The shortage of 5 and 7 level maintainers was felt commandwide.

## Farewell to the chief

A retirement dinner for Chief Master Sgt. Randy Crist, 47th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday at Club XL. The cost is \$15 for club members and \$18 for non-club members.

The meal for the evening will be Mexican cuisine, including chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, corn bread, flan and a margarita bar. It should be a fun evening, as we honor and "roast" our command chief.

Chief Crist's official retirement ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday at Ribas-Dominicci Plaza. A reception at Club Amistad will follow the ceremony.

Everyone is encouraged to attend both events. See your first sergeant to sign-up and pay for the retirement dinner.

For more information call, Chief Master Sgt. Johnny Hall at 5736.

## Chiefs, Eagles game/ Operation Jingle

The 4th Annual Chiefs, Eagles Softball Game will be 11:30 a.m. Monday at Babe Ruth field.

The Eagles lead the competitive series 2 games to 1. It should be great lunchtime entertainment for everyone.

All proceeds from the game support Operation Jingle—sponsored by the First Sergeant's Council to help junior enlisted families during the holiday season.

Operation Jingle involves fund raising activities all year long. Thanks to generous contributions last year, the first sergeants were able to distribute over \$6,000 to Laughlin's enlisted families in the form of \$50 checks for Thanksgiving and \$100 checks for Christmas.

Families are identified by their super-

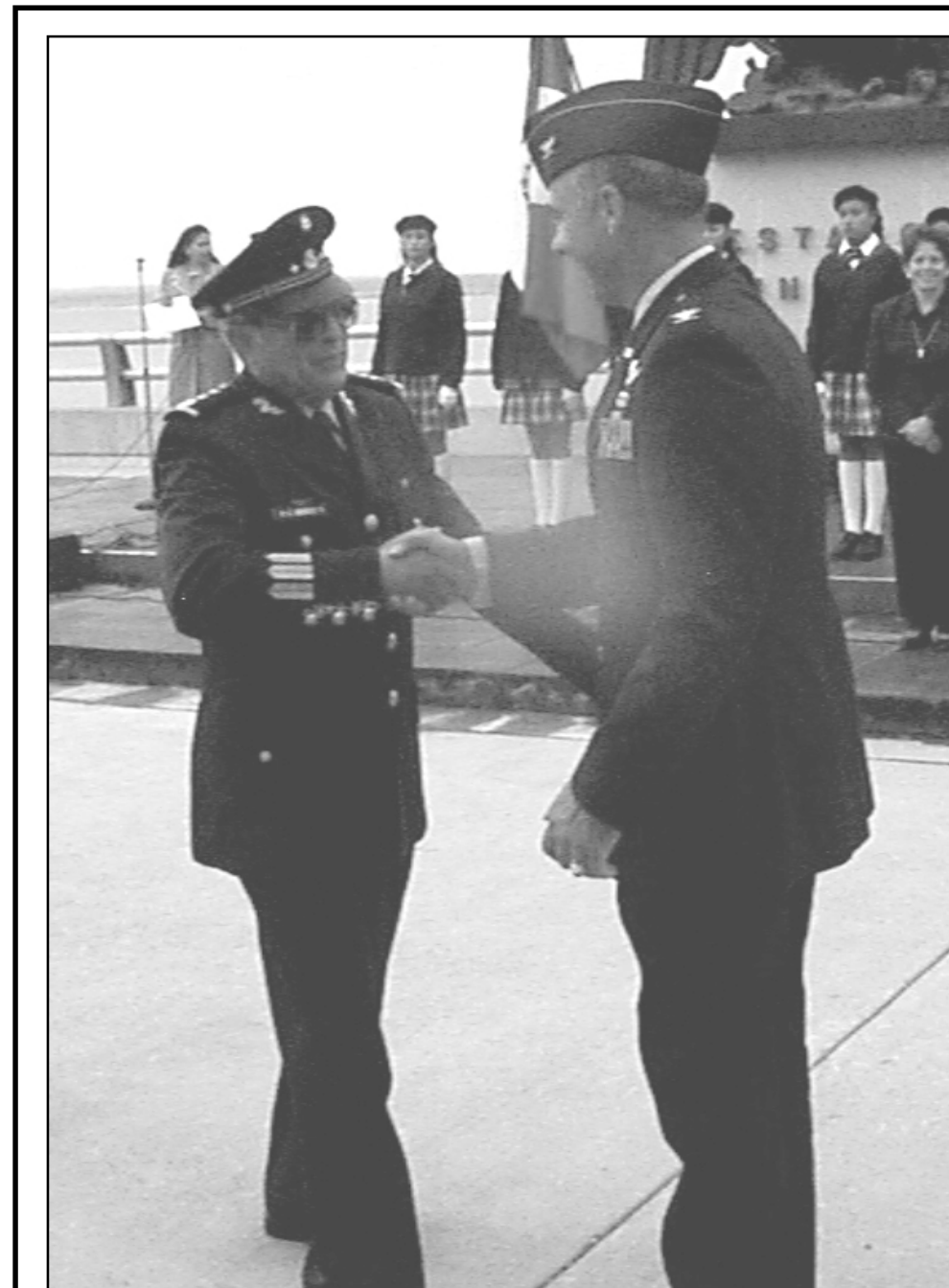


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## El Abrazo

Col. Skip Scott, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, greets Gen. Jesus Marquez Vasquez, commander of the Mexican Army Garrison in Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico, during the annual Abrazo ceremony on the Amistad Dam Oct. 20. It was the 40th time the "embrace of friendship" was observed, recognizing the efforts of President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Mexican President Adolfo Lopez Mateos to jointly construct Amistad Dam.

visors, superintendents and first sergeants to receive these contributions.

If you would like to donate please contact your first sergeant; they will be at the game.

For more information about the game, call Master Sgt. Kevin W. Smith at 6373.

## Promotion ceremony

There will be an enlisted promotion ceremony 3:30 p.m. at club Amistad. Everyone is encouraged to come support our newest enlisted promotees.

## Helping children

The Laughlin Honor Guard will sponsor a car wash Saturday from 10 a.m. to

1 p.m. at the Base Exchange.

All donations will go to the children's orphanage in Acuna, Mexico.

## Academy nomination

U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla is encouraging high school seniors who are interested in attending one of the nations military academies to apply for a nomination through his office. Applications for this year, class of 2005, entering the summer of 2001, are due by Friday. People applying to Bonilla must live in the 23rd Congressional District of Texas.

For entrance, applicants must be a U.S. citizen between the ages of 17 and 21, unmarried, and have no legal obligations for children or other dependents.

Candidates must be nominated by their U.S. representative, U.S. senator or by the vice president of the United States. Congressional nominations account for about 80 percent of all academy nominations each year.

Selection is based on character, scholarship, extracurricular activities, physical aptitude, medical fitness, as well as demonstrated motivation and leadership potential.

Applications may be obtained by writing to U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, 11120 Wurzbach, Suite 300, San Antonio, Texas 78230 or by calling (210) 697-9055.

## Customer service

William Centifanti is the point of contact for customer service at Base Supply. He should be contacted for assistance in the following areas: suspected price discrepancies; reporting fraud, waste and abuse incidents, technical assistance; and resolving complaints or questions.

Centifanti is also the point of contact for controlling required supply actions and processing transactions for credit card purchases with International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card.

He can be reached at 5727 or building 77 room 112.

## VI, BITC complaints

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All VI complaints can be sent to George McKnight at [george.mcknight@laughlin.af.mil](mailto:george.mcknight@laughlin.af.mil) or 5177.

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## Talent show

The Laughlin Fiesta Center and Youth Center present the Fall Review IV—Saturday Night Fever 7 p.m. Saturday at the Fiesta Center. Doors open at 6:30. The show will feature music and dance from the 70s and 80s.

For more information, call 5474.

## OSC auction

The Officer's Spouses' Club is sponsoring its annual Charitable Auction 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at Club XL.

If you are interested in auction donations, contact Jesse Graddy at 298-0555.